

these, these staff-ridden government they will blame for such debacle. In this manner, the US policy-makers hope to make a gracious exit out of tight situation ^{into} to which they were ^{plunged} forced by the provocations of the war mongers.

How will ^{the} such retreat of American imperialism affect in Korea and the ~~eastern~~ retreat in Formosa and Indo-China affect the peoples of the Asia-Pacific countries? Such retreat ^{will} be a direct body blow on US imperialism, for it will decisively ^{expose} ^{draw hope and reliance} destroy the myth of American invincibility, ^{from} which its puppets ~~are~~ still reeling, and which timid nationalists are still afraid of. With such retreat, the remaining puppets of American imperialism will become thoroughly demoralized, while the timid nationalists will gain more confidence and courage in struggle.

The Korean civil war, therefore, becomes the signal for the national liberation struggles in the various Asia-Pacific countries to ^(and coordinate) intensify their struggles until foreign imperialisms are driven away, their puppets ~~are~~ overthrown from power, and a peoples' democracy established in their respective countries.

The question foremost in the minds of all is: will the Korean civil war lead to a third world war? The answer is a resounding and confident NO. The forces fighting for the maintenance of peace under the leadership of the Soviet Union, are ^(decisively) ~~clearly~~ overwhelming over the ^(European) forces driving towards war. Even the imperialist allies of the US imperialists are very lukewarm in their support of the US in its defense of South Korea, in their fear of getting involved in another war. Finally, the American people overwhelmingly desire peace, and they will not permit the extreme war mongers to create war hysteria and drag them into a war from which they do not stand to gain, but on the contrary stand to suffer very much.

Under such a situation ^{when} of intensification of the national liberation struggles ^{will sweep the entire} in Asia-Pacific, it is well to restate the aims of

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Press Statement

THERE SHALL BE NO WAR *of the United States*

The extreme war-mongers among the American imperialists will stop at nothing to ~~it~~ to plunge ~~their country~~ into a war against the Soviet Union, as a desperate way out ~~from~~ the profound economic crisis which the US is undergoing. Prodded by the arch imperialist, John Foster Dulles, in connivance with N Johnson, MacArthur and the US military top brass, the discredited puppet Sygman Rhee ordered his forces to attack the North Korean Peoples' Democratic Republic to provoke the latter to retaliate and thus ^{afford} ~~provide~~ the American ^{armed} forces a chance to intervene in the ensuing civil war.

In the face of such ^{an} unprovoked attack, the North Koreans have no other alternative but to repulse the attack and bring the war into the territory of the invaders until final victory is won and the whole of Korea is liberated from American imperialist domination.

Force ~~But~~, The American imperialists are ^{now} in a tight spot of their own making. Truman and Acheson, not yet ready for war against the Soviet Union and its world-wide allies, but reluctant to end the cold war, ^{have been driven} ~~are placed~~ in a very embarrassing position by the extreme war mongers (Dulles and Co.) Even while they ^{realize} ~~know~~ that it ^{was} ~~is~~ the South Koreans ^{who} ~~which~~ invaded North Korean territory, they cannot help but commit American forces in the defense of South Korea, if they are to avoid loss of prestige ~~for~~ among their puppets who are depending for their military support to maintain their power.

On the other hand, Truman and Acheson are certain ^{that} ~~that~~ not only ^{would it at present be virtually impossible to wage a successful one} ~~that they cannot win a war now~~ against the Soviet Union and its allies, but that they also face certain defeat in Korea. ~~It is~~ ^{that} this realization ~~which~~ will drive Truman and Acheson to take counter-maneuvers to prevent the extreme war mongers from dragging them into a war with the Soviet Union for which they are ^{ill-} ~~not~~ presently prepared. It can therefore be expected that Truman and Acheson would be ready, ~~soon~~ after a decisive military debacle of the South Korean ~~purposely~~ forces, for a negotiated settlement with the North Koreans, even at the expense of their puppet Sygman

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"Here in our country, for example, while we may see a dramatization of the ~~war~~ military and economic, which American imperialism ~~will~~ send, such aid will not be of such quantities to arrest the development, much ~~less~~ less suppress the growing struggle for national liberation. Such dramatization of aid is intended to bolster the sagging morale of its puppets, and to provide them with a weapon to prevent the timid and the non-decisive from swelling the ranks of the liberation struggle. As in Korea, US imperialism will finally abandon ~~ment~~ its puppets in the Philippines, being careful to prepare the necessary background for such abandonment. Already, the American press has attacked the graft-ridden government of Quirino, and the State Department can easily issue another "White Paper" blaming the future debacle in the Philippines on the corrupt government of Quirino and the Liberal Party. Such future abandonment of course is not voluntary, but forced upon American imperialism, because under the present ~~stagnant~~ deteriorating American economy, the US cannot afford to fight the cold war on many fronts, and ~~now~~ it is forced to fight merely a delaying or holding-out action in the Asia-Pacific front, while it concentrates on the West European and East Mediterranean-Middle East fronts."

- ① In the remote possibility that the Korean War ^{may} flare up into a ^{3rd} world war and the Phil. getting involved — the surest way to avoid involvement is for all true Filipinos to unite and make the US leave us completely. American military bases and installations are the only reasons why the Phil. would attract military action from the enemies of American Imperialism.

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and clarify other points that are confusing the people.

the HMB, which is spearheading the Philippine liberation struggle under communist leadership. The HMB aims to achieve complete independence, give land to the landless peasants, industrialize our country and provide for employment and social security for the workers (manual and mental) through the armed overthrow of the imperialist-feudal domination of our country, exercised through the puppet State, and the establishment of a NEW DEMOCRACY under which power is shared by the democratic classes and elements in ~~the interests~~ of the peoples' interest. The HMB is not yet aiming at socialism, but only at a new democratic economy which is a transition towards socialism, wherein private enterprise is ~~permitted~~ encouraged and given a wide latitude for its operations.

The CP and the HMB have always been frank and open about their aims. We value our honor, integrity and friendship - in direct contradiction to the shameless puppets now in power.

Contrary to the baseless rumors spread by the imperialists and their puppets, the HMB, and the Communist Party leading it have complete unity in their leaderships. As Commander-in-chief of the HMB and as a communist, I accept the leadership of the Communist Party of the Philippines of which ~~the~~ Comrade Balgos is the General Secretary. All the rumors that there is rivalry between Comrade Balgos and ~~me~~ ^{myself}, and that while Balgos is an internationalist taking dictation from Moscow, while I am a ~~Titoist~~ (nationalist and Titoist), are but the products of the ~~delirious~~ imagination of the imperialists who want to discourage people from joining the liberation struggle. These are ~~baseless lies~~ ^{pure fabrications that} and reflect the desperation of the imperialists and their puppets in our country.

While the HMB follows communist leadership in our country, it has no organizational connection or relationship with any communist party outside of our country. However, it has ideological affinity with the national liberation movements in other Asia-Pacific countries, and the working class movements all over the world, and necessarily coordinates its struggles with their struggles. The HMB knows that its

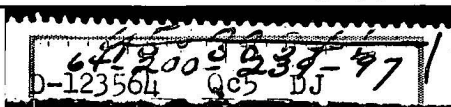
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struggle for national liberation cannot be won in isolation. The Filipino peasants and workers are being exploited by the same forces which are exploiting the Indian, Indonesian, Malayan, Burmese, Siamese, Formosan, Korean and Japanese ~~peasants and the workers~~ peasants and the workers of all countries of the world. Consequently, the HMB conducts ~~its~~ struggles in coordination with other peoples' movements of other countries, ~~and in~~ ^{despite} the absence of direct organizational connection or relation.

The HMB redefines the issue thus: struggle against imperialist domination and exploitation of our country; or collaborate to strengthen imperialist domination and exploitation of our country. The HMB has chosen the path of struggle against imperialist domination and exploitation of our country, and considers as its ^{and the Filipino people} ~~enemies and enemies of the~~ ~~Philippine people~~, those who would collaborate to strengthen the domination and exploitation of our country by the American imperialists. The HMB realizes that there may still be those elements, who, either because of intellectual confusion, or for other reasons are not yet prepared to join the armed struggle for national liberation. The HMB considers these elements as their allies provided they continue to struggle, even if merely through parliamentary ways, against the domination of American imperialism. However, the HMB will continue to project the correctness of its methods of struggle, and will not hesitate to criticize and expose the ineffectivity of ^(parliamentary) ~~the~~ methods of struggle of its allies.

To those who have fought us in the past, the HMB ~~have~~ ^{has} this to say: those who fought us in the past, out of confusion as to the real aims of the HMB, we are ready to forgive, provided they are ready to ~~atone~~ ^{for} their past mistakes by joining actively the patriotic movement for national liberation. However, those who fought us with full knowledge of our patriotic aims, we shall continue to consider as our enemies, and deal with them accordingly.

The imperialists and their puppets are kidding themselves and



deluding the people when they spread the rumor that the HMB are surren-
 dering and are ready to accept amnesty. The word "surrender" ^{has never been} ~~is not in~~
 the vocabulary of patriots and revolutionaries fighting for the interests
 of their country and people. During our most difficult days, in the face
 of seemingly insurmountable odds, the HMB never considered the idea of
 surrender. Much less shall we even give it a thought now, when victory
 is fast approaching, and when the imperialists are retreating and their
 puppets are demoralized and shaking in their fear of the coming peoples'
 justice. ~~Now~~ No, the HMB will never surrender. It is not even willing to
 negotiate with puppets of imperialists, for as its past experience ^{has} ~~have~~
 shown, these puppets are not only insincere, but ~~they~~ also have utter
 disregard for the peoples' welfare. The HMB is ready to deal with non-
 puppets of imperialism, but in all its dealings, it shall strive always
 to place everything in writing with a view to giving such dealings full
 publicity.

Manuel

As the situation now stands, it is already very clear that there
 is no more way out of the morass ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ which our country has been brought
 by the traitors of the Liberal Party. Our country is suffering from a
 social and economic cancer which cannot be cured by mere injections, but
 requires instead a major operation to remove the cancer. The "integrity
 boards", Baguio conference, the seating of ~~Verano~~ ^{historians}, the Lopez "drive"
 against graft and corruption, the ~~pitiful~~ ^{historians} ~~antics~~ of Romulo, the ran-
 tings of the "Little Senate", the pious declarations of Laurel and ser-
 mons of Bocobo no longer impress the masses of exploited, ~~the~~ ^{dis}discon-
 tented and suffering peasants, workers and little people. The imperialists
 and feudal landlords will not give up their profits derived from their
 domination of our economy, voluntarily. The crooks and grafters are so
 well ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ entrenched in the highest levels of our officialdom that it is ~~now~~
 sheer optimism to entertain the hope that they will permit themselves to
 be removed from power and punished, without offering violent resistance.

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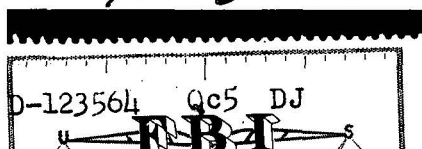
It is because of all these that the HMB declares in all certainty that there is ~~no other~~ ^{no other} way out for ^{our} country and people except the armed struggle to overthrow the rule of the imperialists and feudal landlords and their puppets, the crooks and traitors. The HMB pledges ~~to~~ the Filipino people ~~its~~ ^{that} ~~continuous~~ ^{will inevitably result in a} armed struggle ~~and proceed with its~~ ^{thus} major operation on the Philippine body politic, ~~to~~ ^{ing} remove the cancer which is eating at the vitals of our country and people.

How can ~~the~~ ^{the} people help to lessen their suffering and hasten the end to their miseries? The answer is simple. Like a doctor performing a difficult and painful operation on a weak patient, the HMB needs the help of all those who are already convinced that the operation is necessary and can no longer be avoided. If people continue to wait on the sidelines, the ~~xxxix~~ struggle while it would finally triumph, will be very protracted, involving the prolonging of the peoples' miseries and suffering. On the contrary, if the people should join actively ^{now} in the armed struggle, victory is not only certain, but it will be hastened, and with victory will come a new day in which the people will enjoy peace, freedom and prosperity under a NEW DEMOCRACY.

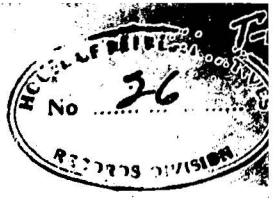
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OATH OF OFFICE

I, LUIS TARUE, having been elected Representative for the 2nd District of Rampanga, in the last General Elections, hereby solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully discharge to the best of my ability the duties of my present position and of all others I may hereafter hold under the Republic of the Philippines; that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Philippines; and that I will obey the laws, legal orders, and decrees promulgated by the duly constituted authorities of the Republic of the Philippines; and that I impose this obligation upon myself voluntarily, without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

SO HELP ME GOD.

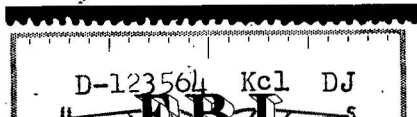
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of June
A. D. 1948, at Manila, Philippines.

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Speaker - Pro Tempore

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ASSIGNMENT OF SALARY AND/OR COMPENSATION

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT I, LUIS E. TARNIC, a duly elected member of the House of Representatives, Congress of the Philippines, Manila, for the 2nd district of Pangasinan, by virtue of Section 2 of Numbered VI- Special Provisions of the appropriations for the House of Representatives for the Fiscal Year 194 8-194 9, do hereby assign to the Philippine National Bank a banking institution doing business in the Philippines, my salary as Representative from July 1, 194 8 to June 30, 194 9, as well as so much of the amount covered by this period out of the compensation for my family in the event of my death, for and in consideration of the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED PESOS - - - (₱ 7,200.00), the proceed thereof after deducting the rate of interest having been received by me from said Philippine National Bank, granting unto it by these presents the power to sign and receive for me and in my name, place and stead any receipt, warrant or check drawn in my favor upon the Government of the Republic of the Philippines covering my salary and/or compensation for the period above mentioned, and to do all things necessary to be done and which I myself could do if I were personally present, and I hereby ratify and confirm all lawful acts done by said Philippine National Bank by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of July, 194 8, in the City of Manila, Philippines.

This is to certify that the above assignment has been duly executed and the proceeds have been disbursed.

[Signature]
LUIS E. TARNIC

Name of Assignor

Congressman, 2nd. Dist., Pangasinan
Official Designation

WITNESS:

[Signature]
D. PIMENTEL
Secretary

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

[Signature]
IGNACIO REYES
Chief Accountant

REGISTERED:

[Signature]
SABAS O. DE LA ROSA
Chief, Disbursement Division

NOTED:

[Signature]
Auditor

APPROVED:

[Signature]
N. PIMENTEL
Secretary

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
CITY OF MANILA) SS.

At the City of Manila, Philippines, on this 1st day of July, 194 8, personally appeared before me Luis E. Tarnic, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing power of attorney and acknowledged the same as his free act and deed, exhibiting to me his Residence Certificate No. 301016 issued at Manila on June 14, 194 8.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My commission expires December 31, 194 8

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Congress of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Manila


April 23, 1948

Mr. LEON DAQUIS
Manila, Philippines

Sir / Madam:

You are hereby appointed a Private Secretary
to the undersigned in the House of Representatives, Manila, with
compensation at the rate of Three Thousand Pesos
(P. 3,000.00) per annum, the appointment to take effect this date.

Respectfully,


Representative, 2d Dist., Pampanga

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Central Luzon
24 September 1948

The Editor
The Manila Times

Sir:

The article enclosed is on the most controversial phase of the amnesty and around which so much speculation has been raised: the question of Pinarus. I am enclosing also a photostatic copy of the letter I sent Judge Quirino on June 14. It should be noted that he affixed his signature to every item outlined in the letter. The article explains the meaning of the clause which has not been explained before. I released mimeographed copies of it during the rally for democratic peace, but Judge Quirino chose to deny its authenticity.

You will be doing me a great favor by reprinting the photostatic copy of the letter, if you can. Thanking you again for allowing me enough space in your paper, I remain,

Sincerely yours

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LUIS M. TARDU

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U.S. No. 11 HUK - G. H. Q.
OFFICES OF THE PHILIPPINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
MANILA

Dec. 31, 1947

Dear Ernie,
I wish you a Merry
Christmas and a Happy
new year! I want to
thank you for your sym-
pathetic columns on the
cause of the peasants.
I wish you can
come and talk things over.
If you can not make it,
send a member of your
staff. You can make
arrange meets with the
beards who is my per-
sonal emissary.

yours
Luis
(L. M. Taruc)

G. H. Q.
Sa Lahat ng Kasama:
Pamamagitan at tulongin ang may
dala ng Pasis na ito. L. M. Taruc

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Central Luzon
15 September 1948

The Editor
The Manila Times
Manila

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the second of my articles on the negotiations that brought about the amnesty proclamation. I noticed that you deleted portions of my first article, thereby producing an impression not as forceful and clear as I intended the article to have. If it is not asking too much, I would request you to allow me enough space for this article and the others that will follow.

I noticed also that you printed Judge Quirino's open letter to me together with my first article in the same issue. I find nothing in the letter worth answering. To be sure, however, I mentioned it in my second article; but that was solely for the purpose of resumé, nothing else.

Hoping to receive from you the cooperation I am asking, ~~from you~~, a cooperation so necessary to clear up many issues involved in the peace negotiations, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

L. M. Taruc
LUIS M. TARUC

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Central Luzon
17 September 1948

The Editor
The Manila Times
Manila

Sir:

Enclosed is the third of my articles on the amnesty. Considering that in it I have to expound my views on the various subjects Judge Quirino and I discussed, the article had to be more lengthy than the previous ones. I hope you can allot me enough space as this involves the political basis of the amnesty.

You would be doing a fine job if you can manage to send reporters here to get first-hand information. An on-the-spot reporting will reveal how much hellishness the peasants are suffering. The Bulletin must be gloating by now. But the peasants will have their day. You can bet your life on this.

Sincerely yours,

Luis M. Taruc
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